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RE: Plate Rite Company, Dayton

Dear Mr. Durno:

Ohio EPA requests U.S. EPA assistance in conducting a potential emergency removal action at the abandoned Plate Rite Company located at 5311 North Webster Street in Dayton Ohio. The facility operated as a decorative chrome plating operation utilizing cyanide for the copper strike process and chromic acid (also referred to as hex chrome) for the chrome process. Other various acids and bases are also present on site.

Since 2007, the local Harrison Township Fire Department (FD) has tried to gain access to the site to do a fire safety inspection but with no success. The FD was concerned due to the lack of activity at the site over the last three years and the evidence of several breaking and entering events. In May 2010, the FD finally gained access to the facility to do the safety fire inspection and discovered multiple plating tanks (some were leaking their contents) inside of the building. In addition, approximately 190 drums of various chemicals were documented on site. The FD noted drums of sodium cyanide, chromic acid, sulfuric acid and hydrochloric acid.

In July, 2010, OEPA OSI and RCRA inspectors went through the building. The inspectors verified the FD findings and noted the deteriorating conditions at the facility. Due to the hazardous chemicals that are abandoned and leaking at the facility, the Ohio EPA requests that the site be approved for an emergency removal action.

As always, please feel free to call me at (614) 836-8752 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Clouse
Assistant Chief
Emergency Response & Special Investigations

cc: Dave Combs, OSI, SWDO
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